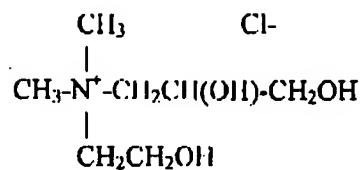
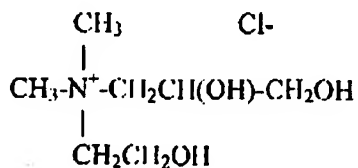


IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Cancel) A compound which conforms to the following structure:



Claim 2 (Original) A process for moisturizing skin which comprises contacting the skin with an effective moisturizing concentration of a compound conforming to the following structure;



Claim 3 (original) A process of claim 2 wherein said effective moisturizing concentration ranges from 0.05% to about 15% by weight.

Claim 4 (original) A process of claim 2 wherein said effective moisturizing concentration ranges from 0.1% to 10 wt % by weight.

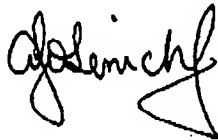
DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC102(b). Claims 2-4 are allowed. Applicant has cancelled claim 1, leaving only the allowed claims.

Applicant has also made the specified change in the specification. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the helpful suggestion.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and anxiously awaits an early notice of allowance for the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted;



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